

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1508**

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Becker, B. Koppelman, Meier, Rohr, D. Ruby

Senators Myrdal, Wanzek

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to  
3 provide an effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Curriculum - Critical race theory - Prohibited.**

8 Each school district and public school shall ensure instruction of its curriculum is factual and  
9 objective. A school district or public school may not include instruction relating to critical race  
10 theory in any portion of the district's required curriculum under sections 15.1-21-01 or  
11 15.1-21-02, or any other curriculum offered by the district or school. For purposes of this  
12 section, "critical race theory" means the theory that racism is not merely the product of  
13 individual bias or prejudice, but that racism is systemically embedded in American society and  
14 the American legal system to facilitate racial inequality. The superintendent of public instruction  
15 shall adopt rules to govern this section.

16 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective upon its filing with the  
17 secretary of state.